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Dear Parents and Caregivers – Tena Koutou Katoa

WELCOME TO GMS

Our newest enrolment is Willow Hambleton. A warm welcome to Willow who joins her two sisters already here at school.

The current roll is now 489.

We are due to have a number of children start on the first day of Term 4, which will make things exciting for us!!

2018 ENROLMENTS

2018 is coming around fast. There are less than seventeen weeks until the new school year begins ...!!!!!!

We need to know the children starting to help us prepare for class rooms next year. This information is very important for our planning. It includes any child turning five years of age during 2018.

If you, or anyone you know, has a child due to start with us in 2018 please email the office saraa@gms.school.nz to confirm your child's enrolment.

If you are not sure whether we know or not, contact us anyway – it is better to have a name down twice ... than not at all! Thankyou.

HAWKES BAY CROSS-COUNTRY RESULTS

On Wednesday GMS had a large team of runners who qualified for the Hawkes Bay championships and took part in the event at the Hastings Showgrounds. There were some amazing performances from our thirty-four runners – this was a team of ten more runners who qualified in 2016.

The following eight runners finished in the top 20 of their event against runners from Wairoa all the way through to CHB:

- Zoe Ennor – 10th Year 5 girls Riley Teikamata – 14th Year 3 boys
- Morgan van der Munckhof – 11th Year 4 boys
- Carlos Bell – 3rd Year 4 boys Jesse Beals – 11th Year 6 boys
- Rylan O'Shea – 10th Year 6 boys Jaimee Steed – 5th Year 4 girls
- Samuel Ennor – 2nd Year 3 boys

We can all be very proud of the way our entire team represented GMS on Wednesday. Congratulations to all on such a wonderful cross-country season.

NGATI KAHUNGUNU KAPA HAKA FESTIVAL

Wednesday was a pretty busy day – a number of children went from the Hawkes Bay Cross-country championships directly to perform at the Kapa Haka Festival later in the afternoon.

This is the second year we have taken part – and again the children were simply wonderful with their performance! All that mahi, hours of dedicated practise and perseverance paid off when the children took the stage for their performance.

Our teachers who lead this group, Mrs Millner and Mrs Bryan, as well as Miss Jury, need to be acknowledged for the dedication they show to this key aspect of our school. Outstanding!!!!



Principal's Awards - Week 8 Term 3

Team 1	Taylah Campbell	Team 1	Jack Duncan
Team 2	Paiyton Dixon	Team 2	Spencer Simkin
Room 6	Tyler Petrowski	Room 6	Te Timatatanga Bristowe-Anderson
Room 7	Harry Todd	Room 8	Ayla Pain
Room 9	Joel Parker	Room 10	Andy Huang
Room 11	Zavier Banks	Room 12	Zahra Jury
Room 13	Myah Smith	Room 14	Nerissa Scott
Room 15	Zoe Ennor	Room 16	Dylan Simes
Room 17	Jadyn Field	Room 18	Aaron Newman – Belle Hambleton Rosa England
Room 19	Layla Middleton		

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GMS VALUES MEDALS

Congratulations to these very worthy students who were presented with the GMS values medals in the last assembly.

Respect:

Lily McDonald

Excellence

Caitlin Adams

Photos on left (clockwise from top):

The staff in the middle of their Kotahitanga week dance – which has been viewed 14,000 times on the GMS Facebook page to date!

Our Year 4 girls team for the HB Cross-country champs: Ruby, Maia, Jaymie and Makenzie.

Mr Wilson's music group in full flight



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If you are thinking about moving, let's work together to help both YOU and Greenmeadows School achieve a great result.

For every property that is listed and sold with us, we will give \$500 back towards Greenmeadows School for them to use to benefit your children. The next school trip, the new playground equipment - it could be on us! Give me a call today, I would love to hear from you.



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CHILDREN DEPARTING EARLY FROM SCHOOL

We appear to be experiencing more families arriving regularly before the end of the day to gather their children and leave before 3.00pm. It is perfectly understandable that collecting children is necessary for an emergency or to meet a one off appointment. However, this should be the exception - it has to be remembered that our school day is scheduled to go to 3.00pm. If children are leaving early they miss key details and organisation of what is to follow in coming days.

If families could assist us in this regard and wait until the end of the day before collecting children that would be a big help. Many thanks.

FOOTBALL CLASH – TEACHERS V KIDS

It has been a few years since the tamariki took on the kaiako at football ... so yesterday the crowd gathered and the contest was resurrected. An epic contest ensued - and the result went to a goal in extra time, giving a 5-4 result to the Teachers (who were without Mr Gibbs too!). Great fun and well done to both teams and our referee James. Today it is Netball at lunchtime ...



PARENT MATHS EVENING – WEDNESDAY 18TH OCTOBER

On the first Wednesday evening of Term 4, we will be hosting a mathematics evening here at school. The evening is titled

'Bangers and Maths -The Amazing Problem Solving Race'

The aim of the evening is to give you a chance to solve a range of different problems with your child, across all areas of the Mathematics curriculum. There will be a variety of problems set up in six classrooms, as you 'race' across the globe. You will receive a letter for each problem you solve with your child. Once all letters have been collected, you may enter the draw for a prize pack.

Details:

Date: Wednesday 18th October

Time: 5.30pm – 6.30pm (Sausages available from 5.00pm)

Location: Heart of the School, followed by Rooms 12 to 17 for our 'Amazing Race'

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS - These will be taken on Tuesday 7 November.

KOWHAI SWIMMING

The Kowhai classes start swimming in Week 3 next term. First day for these lessons is Thursday 3 November. Each family will receive a notice early next term outlining more details about the swimming for our juniors.

WANTED!!! SCHOOL CLEANER FOR GMS

We need a school cleaner to work for three hours per day. This position will start next term. It involves general cleaning duties for half the school and working alongside our other cleaner, Heather Kennedy.

If you wish to apply, go to the school website www.gms.school.nz and look for 'Vacancies at GMS'. If you have any questions make contact with Mr Mellon.

LIBRARY CORNER

Have a look at what has been happening in the library this term. Click on the link to view.

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HEROES AND VILLAINS DRESSUP DAY

We have ended the term with the school simply stacked full of heroes and villain costumes ... and there are some amazing examples of both varieties. The newsletter wouldn't be complete without this photo of 'Magnum PI' - if nothing else but to explain the cozzie!



PTA QUIZ

Thanks to everyone who contributed to the PTA Quiz last Friday evening. It was a wonderful night and the PTA put on a fantastic function! Thanks to our auctioneer Craig Smith and the PTA team who always work so tirelessly for GMS.

Thanks also to the families who donated bottles for the raffle which was a great success too. We raised more than \$7000 - which made it a most successful night out.

DIGI AWARDS

This year we have 74 entries from across GMS in photography, animations, graphic design (posters) and short movies. Some children have more than 1 entry. The independent judges are looking at all the entries from 9 schools and they will announce the final 10 the first week back next term.

YEAR 5 AND 6 HB TRIATHLON CHAMPS

You can participate as a 2 or 3 person team or as an individual. Distances are most achievable. Excellent prizes including spot prizes. Get the bike out, the running shoes and togs and do some practice during the holidays. GMS tri club will start next term every Wednesday lunchtime.



Thanks to Greenmeadows Service Centre and Debbie Dudding of Tremain's for assisting with the costs of this colour edition of the newsletter.

Have a wonderful two week break. Stay safe, relax and spend quality time with your families. We will see you on 16 October!

FORTHCOMING EVENTS!

Check the school App or www.gms.school.nz website for details on the events coming up.

29 September	End of Term 3
16 October	Term 4 begins
18 October	Bangers & Maths evening
19 October	HB Anniversary Day
24 -27 October	Optimist Yachting Year 6
2 November	Kowhai Swimming begins
7 November	School Photos

Nga mihi nui. Ka kite ano.

Mark Johnson, Principal